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1. GUIDANCE REQUESTED REFTEL FOLLOWS:

A. WE CAN ACCEPT ADDITION OF PHRASE "AND WITHIN WHICH THE COLLECTIVE COMMON CEILING ON GROUND FORCE MANPOWER WOULD BE MAINTAINED" TO PARA 3 OF POSITION PAPER (PARA 3, REFTEL).

B. WE CAN ACCEPT SUBSTANCE OF UK AMENDMENT TO US COMPROMISE LANGUAGE FOR PARA 3 OF POSITION PAPER (PER PARA 4, REFTEL), SINCE MISSION REPORTS THAT UK UNDERSTANDS AND ACCEPTS THAT A COMMON UNDERSTANDING WITH EAST ON THE NUMERICAL LEVEL OF THE COMMON CEILING IS NOT A PRECONDITION FOR A PHASE I AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, WE NOTE THAT NATO HAS NOT CHOSEN ANY PRECISE LEVEL FOR THE COMMON CEILING, AND THE GOAL OF A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ON THIS LEVEL WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBJECT TO SUCH A NATO DECISION. THEREFORE, WE SUGGEST PARA 3 LANGUAGE BE REVISED TO READ: "IN THE COURSE OF PHASE I NEGOTIATIONS, AND SUBJECT TO LATER NAC GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT, THE ALLIES SHOULD IN ADDITION SEEK A COMMON UNDERSTANDING WITH THE EAST AS TO THE PRECISE NUMERICAL LEVEL OF THE COMBINED COMMON(COLLECTIVE) CEILING ON GROUND AND AIR FORCE MANPOWER TO BE REACHED FOLLOWING THE PHASE II REDUCTIONS."

2. WE COULD ACCEPT SOME SENTENCE IN PARA 1 OF THE GUIDANCE TO ENABLE THE AHG WHEN APPROPRIATE TO TAKE THE ACTION CALLED FOR BY THE US COMPROMISE LANGUAGE FOR PARA 3 OF THE POSITION PAPER. HOWEVER, INSTEAD OF THE UK SUGGESTION (PARA 5, REFTEL) WE WOULD PREFER A REPETITION OF THE SENTENCE PROPOSED ABOVE FOR PARA 3 OF THE POSITION PAPER.
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